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AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 34 and 35 to read as follows:

5. (Thrice Amended) A method for producing a preparation possessing antiviral activity comprising substances obtained from cuticular or epicuticular layers external to an epidermis of a plant or plant part, the method comprising:

a) exposing the plant or plant part to a solvent under conditions sufficient to solubilize materials in the cuticular and epicuticular layers of the plant, while leaving cells and tissues internal to the epidermis substantially unaffected; and

b) obtaining a solution or suspension of plant cuticular and epicuticular materials, thereby producing the antiviral preparation, wherein the plant or plant part is selected from the group consisting of apple, tomato, grape, pear, plum and avocado.

34. (Once Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the plant or plant part is apple.

35. (Once Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the plant or plant part is tomato.

Please cancel claims 1-4, 11-18, and 25-33, without prejudice or disclaimer.